

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Final Office Action dated February 18, 2010 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1-5 and 10 are hereby amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 7-35, and 41 are currently pending.

The claim amendments are made as recommended by the Examiner in the February 18, 2010 Office Action. Accordingly, enter of the amendments is respectfully request.

Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on April 16, 2010. Applicants submit this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §41.33 to present rejected claims 1-5 and 10 in better form for consideration on appeal. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendments.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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